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The Honorable David H. Wilkins
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby returning without my approval H. 4415, R-218, an Act:

TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-1710, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE TERM LIMITATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

I am vetoing this act based on my belief in the benefits of term limits for public offices. Term limits are an effective way to bring new people and perspectives into a debate; whether it is to a higher education board or one of the many other boards and commissions that direct the agencies and policies of this state.

This bill runs contrary to that idea, and for this reason, I am returning H. 4415, R-218 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

Mark Sanford